Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for others; and,

Whereas, Sandy Mencke has given over 26 years of dedicated federal service to the USDA Rural Development office, formerly known as the Farmers Home Administration, most recently acting as the Business and Community Programs Director. She began her federal service career with the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation and the Bureau of Reclamation; and,

Whereas, Sandy has distinguished herself as one of the most respected employees in the state because of her wide knowledge in the business program areas and is respected among her co-workers, lenders and other community counterparts because of her dedication to her job; and,

Whereas, Sandy and her husband, Jerry, have been blessed with three wonderful children and six grandchildren with one more expected soon, which they will enjoy together in their retirement; and,

Whereas, Sandy will retire on January 3, 2005, allowing her more time for collecting jewelry, traveling, gardening, antiquing and spending more time at the coffee shops; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan on the momentous occasion of her retirement:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 3, 2005, as

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in South Dakota, and I join her colleagues, friends and family as they recognize Sandy for her commitment to a successful career and extend best wishes for a healthy and happy retirement.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-second Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State